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1. FOMIN SUBSECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS INDICATED THAT
SIGNOTORIES OF CONVENTION WOULD MEET IN BOGOTA ON JUNE 10
TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF THE CONVENTION.

2. OTHER GOC SOURCES INDICATE THAT:

A. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTSSINCE THE
1968 DRAFT IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS AND THAT THESE DRAFT
REGULATIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE JUNE 10 MEETING. IN
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ADDITION, THE MEETING WILL TRY TO HARMONIZE THE FREIGHT

PROTECTION LAWS THAT ALREADY EXIST IN THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

B. ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED BUT ALL
SIGNATORIES HAVE BEEN INVITED AND ATTENDANCE OF RATIFYING COUNTRIES
IS FAIRLY CERTAIN.

C. GOC POLICY IS STILL BEING WORKED OUT WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT
SO THERE IS NO POSITION TO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

3. SHIPPING AGENT FOR US LINES IN COLOMBIA STATES THAT, IN
FACT, THE PROTECTION ASPECTS OF THE CONVENTION ARE ALREADY IN
EFFECT IN COLOMBIA. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES AL LEAST 50 PERCENT OF
FREIGHT TO BE CARRIED ON COLOMBIAN BOTTOMS OR ASSOCIATED LINES.
THIS REGULATION IS IMPLEMENTED BY GOC BY SPECIFYING ON IMPORT
LICENSES THAT FREIGHT MUST BE CARRIED IN COLOMBIAN OR ASSOCIATED
SHIPS. WHILE REGULATION REQUIRES ONLY 50 PERCENT,A VERY HIGH
PROPORTION OF IMPORT LICENSES FROM LAFTA COUNTRIES REQUIRE
COLOMBIAN BOTTOMS, AND SINCE THERE ARE NO THIRD-COUNTRY ASSOCIATED
LINES FOR THESE ROUTES, THE EFFECT IS A VERY HIGH RATE OF
PROTECTION.
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